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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

19 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Advisability of the Vice President remaining in West Berlin to see our U. S. units enter the city

1. I received a long distance telephone call at 1600 hours, this date, relaying a message from Vice President Johnson.
2. This call came from Captain Dunwoodie, Staff Duty Officer, Berlin Army Garrison. He stated that Colonel Burris, Vice President Johnson's Air Force Aide, had received instructions from the Vice President to inform the White House that:
 - a. General Bruce Clark (4 stars) Commander in Chief, U. S. Army Forces in Europe, strongly urged the Vice President to remain in West Berlin to review the U. S. troops due to enter West Berlin at 1700 local time on Sunday, 20 August 1961.
 - b. The Vice President's departure from Germany would be delayed until Monday in order to arrive Otis Air Force Base around noon, Monday, 21 August, if above proposal was acceptable.
3. I checked and confirmed the authenticity of the message by a personal call to General Clark in Heidelberg, and transferring the call to Mr. McGeorge Bundy.
4. I further checked and confirmed the authenticity of the original message from Berlin by calling the Berlin Army Garrison on our military lines.
5. Then, at your direction, I turned the matter over to Mr. McGeorge Bundy.

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